

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, after the title and before the line beginning “Epothilones (DE4138042) are polyketide”, please insert the following:

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